

REMARKS

The claims remaining in this patent application following amendment continue to be original Claims 1-6, inclusive. No claims have been amended or rejected. No new claims have been presented.

The drawings have been objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p) because the reference numeral 300 illustrated in FIG. 3 is not described in the specification. Accordingly, a replacement sheet of drawings illustrating FIG. 3 is attached. The offending reference numeral 300 has been deleted. Therefore, it is believed that the reference numerals appearing in the drawings and the corresponding description are in conformity.

An objection has been raised to page 11 of the Specification and to the words "WE CLAIM." Accordingly, the Specification has been amended to delete the offending wording.

An objection is noted to the original Title as not being descriptive. Accordingly, the specification of this application has been further amended to substitute a new Title following the suggestion of the Examiner.

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over the publication entitled "ARCHITECTURE FOR PASSWORD RESET QUESTIONS" (hereinafter "IU") in view of the patent to Angelo, et al. (6,581,162). Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over the aforementioned publication (IU) and the patent to Angelo, et al. in further view of the publication by Schneier. Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over the aforementioned publication (IU) and the patent to Angelo, et al. in further view of the patent to Gong (6,192,476). Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over the aforementioned publication (IU), the patent to Angelo, et al., the patent to Gong, in further view of the aforementioned publication to Schneier. Claim 6 is rejected under 35

U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over the aforementioned publication (IU), and the patent to Angelo, et al., in further view of the patent to Jacobs, et al. (5,611,048). Each of the following rejections is respectfully traversed.

More particularly, each of the rejections to Claims 1-6 is based, in part, on the publication entitled "ARCHITECTURE FOR PASSWORD RESET QUESTIONS." This publication has an effective date of May 10, 2001. In this regard, the applicants are submitting a Declaration of Prior Invention pursuant to 37 CFR 1.131 with documentation attached by which to establish that the subject matter recited in Claims 1-6 was conceived and reduced to practice prior to the date (i.e., May 10, 2001) of the aforementioned publication ("IU"). Moreover, it is further submitted that the applicants were diligent in reducing their claimed invention to practice and filing the above-identified application relating thereto.

Hence, the aforementioned publication (IU) should now be withdrawn as a reference against the claims pending in this application. With this publication withdrawn, it is believed that each of Claims 1-6 pending in this application is distinguishable from the remaining references, whether taken individually or collectively.

In view of the foregoing, each of Claims 1-6 pending in this application is believed to recite a patentable method. Accordingly, reconsideration of the Examiner's rejection is requested and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

A request for a five month extension of time is attached whereby to extend the deadline for filing this amendment until February 21, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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